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Felix Recio, Jr.
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1945
Education: U St Thomas (TX) 1971 BA
Began Service: March 22, 1999
Term Expires: March 22, 2007

Government: Assistant Federal Public Defender (1986-1999)

Legal Practice: Private Practice (1976-1986)

Military Service: United States Marine Corps (1962-1966)

Current Memberships: Cameron County Bar; Rio Grande Marine Institute

Staff

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Adriana Arce-Flores
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1963
Education: Texas 1983 BA; Texas Southern 1988 JD
Began Service: October 10, 2000
Term Expires: October 10, 2008

Government: Assistant Federal Public Defender (1989-2000)

Current Memberships: Laredo Bar Association; Laredo Women's Bar Association; State Bar of Texas

Staff

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David Hittner
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1939
Education: NYU 1961 BS, 1964 JD
Began Service: June 9, 1986
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

Judicial: Judge, Texas District Court, 133rd District (1978-1986)

Chambers of Senior Judge David Hittner continued

Legal Practice: Associate, Lynch, Chappell, Allday & Hamilton (1967-1968); Diamond and Totz (1968-1972); Partner, Hittner & Cezeaux (and predecessor firms) (1972-1978)

Military Service: United States Army (1965-1966)

Current Memberships: American Law Institute; Federal Bar Association; Federal Judges Association; Fifth Circuit District Judges Association; Houston Bar Association; Houston Bar Foundation; State Bar of New York; State Bar of Texas; Texas Bar Foundation

Staff

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Number of Judgeships: 6

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Letitia Z. Clark
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1945
Education: Rice 1967 BA; Rutgers 1970 MA; Syracuse 1973 JD
Began Service: 1985
Term Expires: 2012

Government: Attorney (1974-1976); Assistant United States Attorney, Southern District of Texas, Department of Justice (1982-1985)

Legal Practice: Private Practice (1976-1982)

Staff

Career Law Clerk **Greg Kamen** (713) 250-5783
Education: Houston 1991 JD
Career Law Clerk **Barbara Villar** (713) 250-5783
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Richard S. Schmidt
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1948
Education: New Mexico State 1970 BS; Texas 1973 JD
Began Service: July 31, 1987
Term Expires: July 30, 2015

Legal Practice: Partner, Smitherman, Lunn, Chastain & Hill (1978)

Military Service: United States Air Force (1973-1978)

Staff

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Karen Kennedy Brown
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1947
Education: Pennsylvania 1970 BA; Houston 1973 JD
Began Service: April 2, 1990
Term Expires: April 2018

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable John Brown (1973-1975); Law Clerk The Honorable Woodrow Seals (1975-1976)

Government: Assistant Federal Public Defender (1976-1982)

Judicial: Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas (1984-1990)

Legal Practice: Private Practice (1982-1984)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; American Law Institute; Houston Federal Bar Association; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; State Bar of Texas

Staff

Career Law Clerk **Kris Thomas** (713) 250-5253
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Wesley W. Steen
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1946
Education: LSU 1974 JD; Virginia 1968
Began Service: September 26, 1997
Term Expires: September 25, 2011

Judicial: Bankruptcy Judge, United States District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana (1983-1987)

Legal Practice: Sanders, Downing, Kean & Cazdessus (1974-1980); Wesley W. Steen, A Professional Law Corporation (1980-1983); Steen, Rubin, Curry, Colvin & Joseph (1983-1984); Winstead, Sechrest & Minick, P.C. (1988-1997)

Military Service: United States Navy (1968-1971)

Chambers of Bankruptcy Judge Wesley W. Steen continued

Current Memberships: American Bankruptcy Institute; American Bar Association; American College of Bankruptcy, Fellow; College of the State Bar of Texas; Louisiana Bar Association; Texas Bar Association

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Marvin Isgur

Bankruptcy Judge

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Number of Judgeships: 13

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